

AMERICAN MISSION
TAKES REFUGE FROM
SPARTAN FIGHTING

Members Now Entrenched
Behind Machine Guns in
Adlon Hotel—Government
Troops Handy.

FIGHTING COVERS
12-BLOCK AREA

Barbed Wire Entanglement
Airplanes and Tank Being
Used by Loyalists to Raise
the Siege.

By FRANK J. TAYLOR
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BERLIN, March 7 (5 o'clock).—The American mission was entrenched in the Adlon Hotel behind batteries of machine guns this afternoon while fighting between rebels and German government forces continued in the streets.

At this hour the Spartans had thrown up barriers and otherwise fortified themselves in a space of about a dozen blocks, including the royal castle and public building. Spartans have captured the main telegraph office.

The American mission in charge of bringing prisoners out of Germany was the one which took refuge behind a row of machine guns at the Adlon Hotel. Government troops late this afternoon were hurriedly surrounding the barbed wire entanglements and machine guns the area dominated by the rebels, hoping to isolate the fighting.

Many, faithful to the government, feared this afternoon that the Bolsheviks would be victorious. The government, however, will fight to annihilation. The outlook is considered ominous.

A battle raged in the streets around police headquarters which was besieged by the rebels. Government troops who went over to the Spartans fought with the besiegers. The government has sent its famous officers' regiment to attack the rebel guards from the rear.

Both sides are using machine guns and armored autos. The government is attacking with tanks, airplanes and guns in effort to raise the siege. Scores of casualties are reported, including many civilians.

Government Forces Gaining.

By United Press.
BERLIN, March 7.—Attacks of German government troops on the rebels in Berlin are progressing favorably, it was officially announced today.

The communique follows: "The situation Thursday afternoon indicates that the measures taken by the government are making successful progress. Attacks on the Spartans are progressing favorably.

"The naval division, which went over to the rebels has been disarmed."

By FRANK J. TAYLOR
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BERLIN, March 7.—Street fighting has broken out with renewed violence. After the rebels appeared to have been crushed and radical leaders had admitted defeat, the Spartans rallied. The general strike, which almost flickered out, seems to be gaining strength today.

Many Republican guards were wounded in the street fighting in various parts of the city. The scenes of disorder, however, are still widely scattered.

Some radical chiefs changed their attitude of pessimism and threatened to develop a revolution which would accomplish what the Spartan outbreak failed to.

Government mastery of the situation, so evident a few hours ago, appears to be precarious. The fighting continues.

MOCK INITIATIONS ELIMINATED
Pan-Hellenic Council Acts to End
Announcement to Sororities.

The Pan-Hellenic Council Wednesday night decided that outside (mock) fraternity initiations would be eliminated. The sororities requested this because of annoyances to them.

The council also announced because of the S. A. T. C. and other causes fraternity and sorority grades will not be recorded for last semester.

Primary Council Gives Picnic Lunch.

The local organization of the Primary Council gave a picnic lunch yesterday afternoon at the Eugene Field School. Miss E. V. Dobbs gave a report on the National Education convention in Chicago last week and Miss Edith Parker, who recently returned from Tokyo, Japan, gave a short talk. The next meeting of the Primary Council will be held in April.

Debating Tryouts Tomorrow.

The final tryouts for selecting the Missouri debating team will be held Saturday night in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. Three men will be chosen then to represent the University in the debate with Kansas to be held March 28. The public is invited.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Snow or rain tonight and Saturday. Continued rather raw and chilly but not much change in temperature; lowest tonight about 30.

For Missouri: Snow or rain tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be near or a few degrees below freezing.

Weather Conditions.

Mostly fair weather has prevailed in the Mississippi Valley south of St. Louis and over the eastern half of the country save along the Atlantic coast from North Carolina to Florida where rain has continued; light snow has been general in Kansas, and Iowa; elsewhere the weather has continued more or less unsettled.

Temperatures continue below the seasonal average, but extreme cold is confined to Canada.

In Columbia mostly cloudy and chilly weather will prevail during the next 36 hours, probably with precipitation.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 36; and the lowest last night was 32. Precipitation 0.00. Relative humidity noon yesterday was 68 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 42 and the lowest was 25. Precipitation 0.00.

Sun rose today 6:33 a. m. Sun sets 6:08 p. m. Moon sets noon.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	32	12 noon	39
8 a. m.	33	1 p. m.	44
9 a. m.	36	2 p. m.	47
10 a. m.	36	3 p. m.	48
11 a. m.	37	4 p. m.	47

KILLED BY SPEEDER

Miss Mary Johnston, Former Columbia Girl, Run Over In Kansas City.

Miss Mary Johnston, formerly of Columbia, was killed by an automobile in Kansas City last night. She and her escort, C. A. Tichenor, were crossing Independence avenue on their way downtown when one of two speeding motor cars struck them. Miss Johnston was taken to a nearby house, where she died an hour later without recovering consciousness. Mr. Tichenor was severely injured about the head and probably received internal injuries. The motor cars did not stop and their drivers have not yet been found.

A telegram containing news of the death was received this morning by Mrs. E. K. Vivion of 1406 Windsor street, an aunt of Miss Johnston. W. S. Johnston, Miss Johnston's father, is manager of the Reserve National Bank safe deposit vaults. Miss Johnston was employed in the Victoria department of the George B. Peck Dry Goods Company.

Miss Johnston had not lived in Columbia for many years. Her father was in the milling business and later ran the Athens Hotel. He is a cousin of Dr. Eva Johnston of Columbia.

HOLD TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

County Certificates Will Be Awarded to Those Who Pass.

The regular county school teachers' examinations were held from 8 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock Friday evening in the Circuit Court room at the Courthouse. All who passed the examination are entitled to a county certificate to teach school.

Those who took the examination are: N. F. Laux of Columbia, Porter Tolson, R. F. D. 6, Miss Alice Hall, R. F. D. 8, Miss Margaret Ridgeway of Hallsville, Miss Georgia Johnson of Hallsville, Florence Blakemore of Harrisburg, Miss Geneva Hulen of Sturgeon, Mrs. George W. Husted of Ashland, Miss Katherine Long of Sturgeon, Miss Ruth Leach of Hutton, Miss Anna Cook of Hallsville, Miss Gladys Pauley of Columbia, Miss Charlotte Lawrence of Hallsville, and Miss Lillian Nichols of Hallsville.

RECITAL TO BE HISTORICAL

T. Carl Whitmer Will Give History of American Music.

T. Carl Whitmer's recital on American music which was given very successfully in Fort Smith, Ark., some time ago, will be given in Columbia on the evening of March 20. Mr. Whitmer, a former Columbian, now lives in Pittsburgh where he is popular in music circles.

The program to be given here will include a short talk on the history of American music as well as a general survey of the history of music. Mr. Whitmer will play a number of his own compositions. The program will probably include excerpts from the pianist, Helen Hopekirk, the writer and composer, Arthur Farwell, from Henry Holden Huss and others.

The recital will be given in the Stephens College Auditorium.

MULE'S DEATH CAUSES SUIT

Farmer Makes Claim for Value of Animal Struck by Auto.

A mule, belonging to S. H. Asbury, a farmer living near Browns, got out of the pasture one night last fall and went wandering down the road. About 1 o'clock the next morning a car belonging to John McCray of Browns and driven by Willie Craighead, an employee of McCray's, struck the mule, inflicting injuries that Asbury says brought on its death.

Asbury, this afternoon, filed suit in Boone County Circuit Court for the value of the mule, \$370, naming both McCray and Craighead as defendants. George S. Starrett and the firm of McBaine and Clark will represent the plaintiff.

CUMMINS OUTLINES
RAILROAD POLICY

Thinks Private Ownership Will Be Rule of Next American Congress.

HE FAVORS CONTROL

Congress Certain That Roads Can Never Revert to Pre-war Conditions.

By L. C. MARTIN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Private ownership with broad supervisory power vested in the Government is what Senator Cummins of Iowa expects to be enacted by the next Congress, he said today.

Cummins will head the Senate interstate commerce committee, which will plan the new railroad law.

Before leaving Washington for a rest, Cummins outlined what in his view will be the probable direction of Congressional action. Although he personally favors Government ownership, Cummins is of the opinion that it cannot be obtained now.

The main features of the law which Cummins expects to see enacted are: Return of the lines to private ownership; consolidation into a few great systems guaranteeing a certain rate per cent return on capital, and increasing the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Several other members of the Senate and House committees are inclined to Cummins' view that private ownership is certain, but there is practically unanimity in Congress on one thing—that conditions before the war can never be gone back to if the railroads are to continue as pacemakers, or even keep up with American growth, members said today.

FORENSIC CONTEST POSTPONED

Missouri Valley Oratorical Contest Will Be Held Next Year.

The third annual Missouri Valley Oratorical Contest, which was to have been held in Columbia March 21, has been postponed until next year. It was announced today by Robert M. Dewey, secretary of the Oratorical Association. War conditions and, in the case of several of the institutions in the association, the absence of the faculty member in charge of the preliminary contest, have been responsible for the postponement. Of the seven institutions in the association, Kansas Agricultural College and the University of Missouri are the only ones in which it has been possible to develop material for the contest.

Mr. Dewey today called attention to the fact that orations for the Stephens prize are due April 1, and suggested that orations prepared for the Missouri Valley contest might be submitted in the Stephens contest, provided they are upon suitable subjects. The Stephens contest is held at Commencement. The prize consists of a book and a gold medal. For 1919 the subjects of the orations must be of literary or social interest.

EARL HAYS BACK FROM FRANCE

Former Student Will Enter University and Complete Work.

Earl Hays, a former student in the University, arrived in Columbia this week for a short visit after being discharged from the army last Saturday. Mr. Hays was sent to France last June with the Mobile Field Laboratory and remained there until a short time ago. At the time of his discharge, he had reached the rank of first-class sergeant.

Mr. Hays says that it was the duty of his division to examine first the wounded soldiers from the battle fields for tetanus germs. If any were discovered, the wounded man was immediately inoculated with anti-tetanus serum and sent to the hospital.

Hays was constantly under shell fire and has become totally deaf in one ear. He intends to enter the University again for the spring term and complete his work for a degree.

K. of C. Banquet to Be at Tavern.

The Knights of Columbus banquet March 9 will be held in the main dining room of the Daniel Boone Tavern. Plans for the new Student Home will be discussed and petition made by the Catholic girls to have a home for them in the fall of 1919. Members from the councils over the state will be present for the banquet. Luke Hart, state deputy, and P. J. Bradshaw, architect of the building, will be there.

Concert Given by C. C. Glee Club.

The Christian College Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Anna Laura Johnson, gave a concert in the college auditorium last night. The soloists of the evening were: Soprano, Miss Cornelia Dungan; violin, Miss Gladys Minges; and piano, Miss Esther Ross.

Road Overseers to Meet.

The road overseers of Boone County will meet in the County Court room Thursday, March 13. H. E. Brown, county highway engineer, has sent out notices of the meeting to all the road overseers. They are required by law to attend.

"BIG FIVE" CONSIDER
SHIPMENTS OF FOOD

Plan to Prevent Bolshevism by Relief in Bohemia and Austria.

SUBMARINES TO GO

Military Terms May Be More Stringent Than War Council Proposed.

By FRED S. FERGUSON
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, March 7.—The "Big Five" of the peace conference today took up the proposition of sending food into Bohemia and German Austria.

Means of getting supplies into the districts which most urgently need them were to be discussed. The population of these territories, it is felt, must be kept from going hungry if the spread of Bolshevism is to be prevented.

Naval terms which will be incorporated in the final peace treaty have been gone over by the "Big Five" and it was learned the decision to destroy the submarines stands.

Final military terms to be imposed on Germany will probably be even more drastic than those imposed by the Supreme War Council. Captain Andre Tardieu, commissioner of Franco-Austrian relations, told the United Press that, while the representatives of the five great powers had practically agreed on naval terms, they had not decided on military terms "because it seems the unanimous desire that the terms should be even more stringent than those the Supreme War Council proposed."

British reports regarding conditions in Germany and German Austria are similar to the reports reaching America. Conditions in Austria are described as being most critical, the people being on the verge of starvation. The delegates appreciate that this situation may become so serious that Germany will break up, making the chance of any kind of a peace impossible.

Germany Balks on Ships.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, March 7.—Flat refusal of Germany to permit its ships to be used for homeward transportation of American troops unless food supplies to last until the next harvest is first guaranteed by the Allies, confronts peace delegates of the five great powers here today.

The entire question of feeding Germany and easing the blockade was brought to a climax by the Germans' attitude. It was estimated that \$400,000,000 worth of food would be required to feed Germany until the next harvest. This sum is double the available gold and securities in Germany. Even if the amount available would be taken it would mean financial collapse.

Economic experts declare the only possible means by which Germany might pay for its food would be for that nation to start production of exportable commodities. This brings squarely before the peace conference the trade under certain restrictions.

The French adhere to the view that it is necessary to maintain the blockade until France recovers its industries and is ready to compete with Germany in the world market. The situation is now such that settlement probably will be a matter of weeks. It has been dragging since November.

FORTY LAYETTES COMPLETED

Red Cross Wants Women to Help Sew on Labels.

The forty layettes which the Columbia chapter of the Red Cross promised will soon be completed. They will be sent off March 15. They are awaiting the sewing on of the labels which bear the compliments of the Boone County Chapter. Women who desire to do this should report to the Red Cross rooms at the Thilo Building.

One hundred and seventy pounds of gray and khaki yarn are left from the soldier sweaters. This will be used for making stockings and sweaters for the refugee children of Belgium and France. After this is used, bright colored yarn will be received.

URGES INVESTIGATION IN RUSSIA

Robbins Says Allies Should Find Out Facts for Themselves.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Raymond Robbins today concluded two days of testimony before the Senate Bolshevik investigation committee with an appeal that America and the Allied governments take nobody's word on conditions in Russia but get the facts themselves upon which to base their future policy.

Robbins concluded his testimony with the statement that if any responsible persons contradicted anything he had said, he would produce documents kept secret until now to prove his statements.

Light Blues Win in W.A.A. Basketball.

In the basketball color tournament of the Woman's Athletic Association last night the Light Blue team won over the Plaid 28 to 20.

THE CALENDAR

March 7.—The annual election of the Commercial Club officers and directors at the club rooms at 7:30 o'clock.

March 9.—Special musical program at Baptist Church, 6:30 p. m.

March 10.—The Stephens College Dramatic Club presents "The Voice of Authority" at 8 p. m.

March 12.—All Student Mass Meeting in University Auditorium.

March 20.—Piano-Lecture-Recital by T. Carl Whitmer in the Stephens College Auditorium.

March 24-28.—Dr. Eleanor Bertine will give four lectures to University women in the University Auditorium.

March 28.—Kansas-Missouri debate in University Auditorium.

April 1.—Last day for handing in orations for the Stephens Oratorical Contest.

April 4.—All-Student Election.

April 25.—Vote on the bond issue for proposed county hospital.

May 12, 13 and 14.—Convention of Funeral Directors Association.

Ten Cent Ad Brings \$100 Sale.

Yesterday afternoon a woman brought a want ad to the Missouri office and had it inserted in the paper for the minimum cost of 10 cents. The paper went to press at 5 o'clock as usual. Before 6 o'clock, five calls came to the home inquiring as to the price, description and condition of the musical instrument. After the dinner hour, four or five more calls came, and one party called to see the instrument. This morning it was sold. Four people promised to call to see the machine this afternoon but it had already been taken away. The investment was 10 cents. The sale was \$100.

WILL ELECT OFFICERS

Special Meeting of the Columbia Commercial Club to Be Held Tonight.

There will be a meeting of the Columbia Commercial Club tonight to elect officers. Plans for a re-organization of the club and other matters of interest to every citizen of the city are to be taken up. H. S. Jacks, secretary, urges all to attend the meeting.

ELECTED ON LEAGUE PLATFORM

Wilson Pleased at Result of Special Congressional Election.

By CARL D. GROAT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

ABOARD THE GEORGE WASHINGTON, 10 a. m., March 7.—President Wilson was overjoyed today at a message from Secretary Daniels and Secretary Tumulty reporting the victory of a Democrat, running on a League of Nations platform in a special congressional election, in Pennsylvania.

(This election was in the twenty-second congressional district of Pennsylvania to fill a vacancy caused by the death of E. E. Robbins, Republican.)

The George Washington was about 800 miles out this morning.

STORY HOUR WELL ATTENDED

Forty Children Met With Miss Alsborg in Courthouse.

During February the Public Library circulated 269 books of adult fiction, 173 of juvenile fiction and 51 books of other classes, according to the report of the librarian, Miss Lella B. Willis.

Ten books were given to the library, all fiction but one, this being a book on mission work in China.

Fines collected during the months amounted to \$1.97. Three new books were purchased.

The Saturday afternoon story hour, given in the Farmers' Room of the Courthouse, was attended by forty children. Miss Alsborg conducted the hour.

NOON PROGRAM AT FACTORY

Employees Hear Talk on China, View Curious and Coins.

The noon program at Hamilton-Brown shoe factory yesterday was attended by seventy-five employees.

H. W. McCutchan, a student in the University who has recently been in the mission fields of China, gave a talk on the life of the Chinese people and displayed a collection of coins and curios he obtained while in the Far East. Chu Hsiao, a Chinese student in the University, sang a Chinese song.

The extension committee of the local Y. M. C. A., which had the program in charge, plans another noon entertainment at the shoe factory in about two weeks.

Former Student Wounded in Action.

Corporal J. Fay Minnis of Bogard, Mo., formerly a student in the College of Agriculture of the University, received his discharge from military service at Camp Grant March 5. He recently returned from overseas, having been wounded twice during one of the last battles of the war. He expects to re-enter the University. His brother, Glen F. Minnis, a student in the School of Law of the University, went to Bogard yesterday to visit Corporal Minnis and his parents.

Issue Marriage License Today.

A marriage license was issued today to Thomas J. Dee, 34, of St. Louis and Miss Willie Shippe, 23, of Columbia.

NICKEL LOAF MAY
RETURN TO MARKET

Food Administration Plans to Use \$1,000,000,000 to Lower Bread Prices.

WORKING ON PLAN

Will Buy From Millers at Profit and Sell at Loss of \$2 a Barrel.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The "nickel loaf" may soon return to the market basket of the housewife, Food Administration officials said today. They are working on a plan, said to be nearly ready to submit to Herbert Hoover and President Wilson, to utilize the billion-dollar wheat guarantee fund for decreasing the price of flour to breadmakers and still keeping the wheat price at \$2.26 a bushel to the farmers.

The tentative plan, according to officials, embraces the taking over of the flour supply of the country at a reasonable profit to the miller and selling it to the public at a loss of \$2 a barrel. They express doubt that the foreign demand for flour will be sufficient to keep up the present wheat prices.

LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

Columbia Women Attend W.C.T.U. State Convention at Mexico.

The aim of the W.C.T.U. is to procure one million dollars and as many members by March 20, 1920, Miss Anna Gordon, the national president, explained in an address Tuesday night before the state convention which is being held at Mexico, Mo.

The money is to be used for reconstruction work along the lines of child welfare, woman industry, Americanism, health and moral education. Of this sum \$300,000 is to be used for temperance work overseas. The work in this country will begin at once.

The movement was to have been inaugurated in 1924 at the golden anniversary of the founding of the W.C.T.U., but because of the signing of the armistice and the recent ratification by forty-five states of the national prohibition amendment, the Union decided to raise the money at once as a thank offering.

Every letter that Miss Gordon writes acknowledging receipt for offerings of \$1,000 or more, will be signed by her with a pen which was used in signing the National Constitutional Amendment.

Mrs. J. M. Windsor, Boone County president of the W.C.T.U., and Mrs. P. D. Truitt, state president of the Young Peoples Branch of the W.C.T.U., both of Columbia, attended the Convention.

"NEED CAMPAIGN FOR IDEALS"

Miss Nita Collier Says Y.W.C.A. Girls Should Practice Democracy.

"A campaign for ideals, not a campaign for members or funds, is what we need," said Miss Nita Collier, speaking at the meeting of the Y. W. C. A., yesterday.

Miss Collier told of the discussions at the National Y. W. C. A. Student Conference at Evanston, Ill., which she attended recently. She spoke of her resulting conviction that the Y. W. C. A. girls should make, theory aside, a definite, practical effort to be more friendly, more democratic, more Christian to other girls on the campus itself.

Miss Eva Johnston, adviser of women, and Miss Helen Becker, student secretary of the Y. W. C. A., also represented the University at the conference.

TELLS OF STUDENT CONFERENCE

Miss Nita Collier Addresses Meeting of Y. W. C. A.—Election March 20.

Miss Nita Collier, who represented the Y. W. C. A. at the National Student Conference at Evanston, Ill., two weeks ago, gave an account of the conference at a meeting of the Y.W.C.A. yesterday afternoon. Miss Dorothy Warren was the leader of the meeting.

The election of members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet for the coming year will be held March 20. Nominations close tonight.

Tarzan Film Here Tonight.

"Tarzan of the Apes," an unusual story of jungle life, featuring the ape-man, Tarzan, and lions, tigers and cannibals, will be shown here in motion pictures tonight and tomorrow. The book was written by Edgar Rice Burroughs. The chief roles are taken by Elmo Lincoln and Enid Bennett.

County Court Allows All Bills.

The Boone County Court adjourned late Thursday afternoon after allowing all the bills that were on hand. The session that was just adjourned was an adjourned session of the February term of court.

Briggs Found Guilty—Enters Appeal.

In the case of George Barkwell against Arthur Briggs, charged with stealing geldy, the jury found the defendant guilty and fined him \$20. The defendant appealed to the Circuit Court.